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For:

"METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR MAKING AND USING

TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-DEGRADING ORGANISMS" CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 QN 7.27/01.

SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from April 30, 2001, to July 30, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$890 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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